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SUBJECT: CNAD AGENDA

REF: STATE 46395 DTG 230037Z FEB 78.
SUMMARY: WE REQUEST WASHINGTON PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION
ON AIMVAL AND STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING PROPOSALS (REFTEL)
BEFORE WE SEEK ALLIED CONCURRENCE IN NADREPS FORUM. ACTION
REQUESTED: EARLY WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL TOPIC PROPOSED FOR THE CNAD
AGENDA (REFTEL) WE REQUEST ADDITIONAL DATA ON THE
BRIEFING ON THE RESULTS OF U.S. AIMVAL TESTS. BASED ON
PAST EXPERIENCE IN THE NADREP FORUM, ALLIES WILL WANT TO
KNOW THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE BRIEFING, WHAT NADS WILL
BE ASKED TO DO, AND THE DURATION OF THE BRIEFING. ALSO,
THEY WILL WANT A HARD COPY IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW NADS TO
RESPOND INTELLIGENTLY TO THE BRIEFING. WE ALSO EXPECT
NADREPS TO ASK WHY WE WANT CNAD TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING
BEFORE EITHER NAFAG SUBGROUP 13 ON AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES
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OR THE NAFAG ITSELF HAVE RECOMMENDED THE BRIEFING TO THE
CNAD. FYI: SUBGROUP 13 WILL ADDRESS ACEVAL-AIMVAL DATA AT
ITS MEETING ON MARCH 14-15 AND THE NAFAG COULD ALSO DO SO
IN JUNE. END FYI. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE WE CAN CONVINCE
NADREPS TO ADD THIS BRIEFING TO THE CNAD AGENDA IF WE
PRESENT STRONG RATIONALE FOR DOING SO AT THIS TIME AND
IF WE AGREE TO PROVIDE A HARD COPY SEVERAL WEEKS IN

ADVANCE OF THE CNAD MEETING. IN ADDITION WE RECOMMEND THAT THE BRIEFING BE STRUCTURED FOR MINIMUM TIME, IDEALLY NOT MORE THAN 30 MINUTES.

2. REFTEL ALSO CALLS FOR A NAFAG STATUS REPORT ON STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, NAFAG SUBGROUP 16 ON THE INTEROPERABILITY OF AIRCRAFT AND THEIR WEAPONS SYSTEMS HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21-22. NAFAG ESTABLISHED THIS SUBGROUP TO MONITOR AND EXPEDITE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PROGRAMS RECOMMENDED BY WORKING GROUP II OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY, AND TO DEVELOP FURTHER ACTION PROGRAMS TO ENSURE INTEROPERABILITY OF AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES, AND PRECISION GUIDED AND AREA FIRE MUNITIONS. NAFAG SUBGROUP 16 (AND WORKING GROUP II BEFORE IT) IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING THE INTEROPERABILITY OF THE VARIOUS NATO AIRCRAFT WITH THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF AIR DELIVERED MUNITIONS WHICH WILL BE IN NATIONS' INVENTORIES IN THE 1980'S, BY RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE CROSS-CERTIFICATION ACTIONS. IMPROVED INTEROPERABILITY IS A PREREQUISITE TO ACHIEVING STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING, HOWEVER, IT IS JUST ONE PART OF THE OVERALL PICTURE. NO OTHER NAFAG GROUP WORKS THE CROSS-SERVICING PROBLEM. THUS, NAFAG IS IN NO POSITION TO REPORT STATUS OF STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING. WHAT NAFAG WILL INCLUDE IN ITS WRITTEN REPEAT WRITTEN REPORT TO CNAD IS A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE FACT THAT SUBGROUP 16

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EXISTS, HAS HELD ITS FIRST MEETING, HAS ACHIEVED SOME PROGRESS IN REDUCING DELIVERY TIMES OF MUNITIONS NEEDED FOR CROSS-CERTIFICATION ACTIONS, AND WILL MEET AGAIN IN JUNE 1978. FYI: USAF/RDI IS PRESENTLY REVIEWING A DRAFT NAFAG REPORT TO CNAD WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. END FYI.

3. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND AGAINST SUGGESTING THAT NAFAG PRESENT TO CNAD A STATUS REPORT ON STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING. INSTEAD, IF THE U.S. WISHES TO BRIEF THE CNAD ON THE RESULTS OF THE USAF ANALYSIS OF THE BENEFITS TO BE GAINED FROM STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING, WE WOULD NEED INFORMATION ON RATIONALE, BRIEFING LENGTH, ETC, SOONEST, AND A HARD COPY WELL BEFORE CNAD.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.
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